

Operators Say:

Lack of Workers in Coal Mines Foreseen Unless More Continuity to Jobs

CALGARY, April 5.—(CP)—Average age of manual employees in coal mining in Alberta is more than 50 years and there will be difficulty in obtaining the services of younger men unless more continuity in employment can be obtained, said a brief of the Drumheller Coal Operators' Association, presented to the Carroll Commission on Coal today.

Reds Denounce Russian-Japan Neutrality Pact

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war against Great Britain and the United States who are the allies of the Soviet Union.

"Therefore, he said, the pact is a neutrality pact for the benefit of the United States and it is impossible for it to be continued."

TEXT OF THE RADIO MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS:

The text of the Radio Moscow announcement follows: "At three o'clock in the afternoon the People's Commissariat for foreign affairs of the USSR received the Japanese declaration of neutrality. The Japanese declaration, Mr. Sato and in the name of the Japanese government, made the following statement to humanity: 'The pact of neutrality between the Soviet government and Japan was concluded April 13, 1941, that is before the attack by Germany on the U.S.S.R. and before the outbreak of war between Japan on the one hand and Great Britain and the United States on the other.'"

"Since then the situation has radically changed. Germany invaded the U.S.S.R. and, since then, the Japanese declaration is helping the latter in its war against the U.S.S.R."

AT WAR WITH ALLIES

"In addition Japan at war against Great Britain and the U.S.S.R. are allies of the United States. In such a situation the neutrality pact between Japan and the U.S.S.R. has lost its purpose and the prolongation of this pact is becoming impossible."

DESIRE TO CANCEL

"On the strength of this and in accordance with Article Three of the aforementioned pact, the Soviet government hereby declares its desire to cancel the pact of neutrality between the Soviet Union and Japan, effective as of the date of April 13, 1941."

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Situation 'Grave': Nippon Premier, Cabinet Resign

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Men Overseas Are Reluctant To Go to Pacific

CALGARY, April 5.—(CP)—Alberta servicemen who returned home on furlough after five years or more overseas indicated that they and their friends in Europe will be a little reluctant to re-enlist for service in the Pacific.

"I don't say we definitely wouldn't enlist to fight against the Japanese," said one of the men returning from Italy where he was with the Royal Edmonton Regiment, "but I believe most of us would feel about the same."

"Most of us think we've done just about our share now," said another.

SEE NO EARLY END

Overseas men said they believed Canadian civilians were more optimistic than the fighting men, but the civilian men were very close at hand. They said they expected to be in the Pacific war zone not much before July.

"We've volunteered once. We've had five years overseas. It's its' expected again for another year or so, but I don't think we're returning to it."

"I guess most of the boys who have been overseas for as long as we have feel the same way," said Cpl. H. W. Wilson, of a Canadian unit fighting in Italy.

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"Simply Must" Stop the Allies Germans Want

LONDON, April 5.—(CP)—The German radio said today: "The Allies must stop the Allies."

The German press joined the claim for stiffened resistance. Hitler's speech yesterday, Dr. Goebbels observed that "News from the Western Front."

"But an alarm that we feel must result in every being at the front and organizing a defense."

Said the home radio: "We cannot let ourselves be beaten by the enemies, either by words or by arms."

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Text of "Exchange"

Tories Question Premier
On No Pacific War DraftBy CHESTER BLOOM
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OTTAWA, April 5.—Following is the text of questions by Progressive Conservative opposition leaders, Charles Graydon, and Howard Green, Progressive Conservative, Vancouver South, put to Prime Minister King to further elucidate his statement of "no conscription" for the war with Japan, and replies by the Prime Minister in which he reiterated and emphasized the declaration.

Briefs From
Parliament

OTTAWA, April 5.—(CP)—Royal Canadian Navy doctors have been studying tropical diseases with a view to protecting men who go to the Pacific to fight against Japan. Prime Minister Macdonald said yesterday in the Commons. Data and statistics of the United States Navy doctors had been made available to the Canadian Navy, the minister said in replying to A. M. Nicholson (CCF-Mackenzie).

Navy Minister Macdonald said there has been no change since 1941 in the estimated size of Canada's post-war navy.

The matter had been discussed from time to time, but no change had been made in the estimate, Mr. Macdonald said in replying to Thomas Reid (L-New Westminster).

Mr. Macdonald said Tuesday night that the probable size of the navy would be 3,000 officers and men. He said it was hoped that the post-war navy would be of sufficient size to allow the posting of a reasonable number of ships on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Powell River, B.C., wharf has been sold, Works Minister Young said in replying to a question by George Craikbank (L-Fraser Valley). Mr. Young said the contract required the purchaser to provide accommodation for river traffic until facilities are completed for public use at Westview where a wharf is to be completed in December. Temporary floats have been provided but the department has urged that they be improved and that the loss of some boats that were docked at the temporary floats.

Annual rental of \$45.38 is paid for office space leased by the Dominion government in Red Deer, Alta., Works Minister Young said in replying to a question by F. D. Shaw (SC-Red Deer). The space is occupied by the department, private business and employment insurance commission.

Information on the number of farms purchased by specific areas was given by Veterans' Minister Mackenzie in replying to questions by members. The department's answer showed 28 farms bought in Manitoba, 35 in the New Brunswick provinces of Victoria and Carleton and 11 in the Q'Appelle, Man., constituency.

The Canadian government has received no notification from the United States government of any decision to abandon the road built by United States from Haines, Alaska, to connect with the Mackenzie King said in replying to George Glad (PC-Yukon).

General discussions have taken place between Canada and the United States about the future of the Canal oil project in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, said Prime Minister Mackenzie King, replying to questions by George Glad (PC-Yukon).

Minister Uncertain
About U-Boat Bases

OTTAWA, April 5.—(CP)—Navy Minister Macdonald said yesterday in the Commons that he did not know if the Germans still had the submarine bases along that part of the French coast occupied by Nazi troops. Replying to J. S. Roy (Ind.-Gaspé), Mr. Macdonald said he believed it was possible the British had been by-passed because their capture would require a large number of troops who could be used to better advantage elsewhere.

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To Limit Hours
For Beer Sales

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A division on the motion was made by the minister. Mr. Green (SC-Panora), H. G. Hannell (SC-Didsbury), Elmer E. Roper (CCF-Edmonton), and F. L. A. E. Liesmer (CCF-Calgary), vote for resolution to committee, with 42 government and opposition members voting against.

All members of the cabinet voted against the motion as did J. Percy Page (Ind.-Edmonton), Mayor Andrew Newman (Ind.-Calgary), Williams (Vets.-Edmonton), and Capt. J. Harper (Prose - Edmonton).

Speaking in support of the motion to revert, Mr. Mason said that the housing association had rejected the eight-hour day provision, when the week before this regulation had been approved by the agriculture committee.

Mr. Williams, speaking against the move, pointed to a news report that Wednesday's papers which dealt with the death of two farmers in the Iron River district after drinking home brew.

EXAMPLE OF RESULTS

This was an example of results of liquor and beer restrictions, Mr. Williams said. "If there were facilities for these men to obtain beer at hotels in the vicinity, they would not have to brew this poison," he added.

The Veterans' branch said there were eight hours on 4½ per cent. now in effect by wartime orders of the liquor control board.

Major Davidson declared he saw "the fine Italian hand" of the Veterans' branch in the liquor control board.

Some of us have been here for six weeks and we have other jobs to do. The Calgary mayor declared, "Any hope of postponing Thursday or Friday will be gone if we refer this bill back to committee, where it has been discussed. I intend to be back in Calgary Saturday and on Tuesday I'll go on a strike strike."

Mr. Davidson suggested the assembly Tuesday night had wasted two hours on discussion of a question over which it had no control. (The reference was to a debate on a resolution dealing with a world peace organization.)

REPEAL MOTION

Mr. Mason opposed the motion by Mr. Mason on the ground that there was no point in going over the same arguments again. He expressed amusement over action by the assembly Tuesday, when the eight-hour day provision was struck out of the amending bill. This was only a few days after the agriculture committee had recommended the eight-hour regulation, Mr. Page commented.

Farm Delegates
Much Impressed
By B.C. Standards

VANCOUVER, April 5.—(CP)—Six delegates from the British National Farmers' Union now on a Canada-wide tour to discuss with fellow farmers some of the problems of the primary producers confronting their industry were very favorably impressed with what they saw in British Columbia.

James Turner of Sheffield, England, 37-year-old head of the group and also president of the NFU of England and Wales, said: "We were amazed at the high standard of the farms in the Fraser Valley and southern Vancouver Island and also at the very fertile production."

Strive to Avoid
Bombing Captives

OTTAWA, April 5.—(CP)—Air Minister Gibson said last night in the Commons he was sure Bomber Command was making every effort to avoid hitting prisoner-of-war camps containing Allied prisoners in Germany. He was replying to G. H. Castleden (CCF-Yorkton) who asked if the BCAF was making any effort to provide some neutral territory within Germany where Canadian prisoners of war would be safe from Allied bombing attacks.

King Carries
Draft Fight
To Opponents

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He gave the first preference for that theatre.

The minister, however, said after questioning that if a man answered "yes" on his questionnaire, "in effect" he is signing on for service in the Pacific. If he is needed there. They would not be asked to sign anything further.

J. C. Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative, Lake Centre, said he was disappointed from the minister's answers that while the announcement of the Prime Minister, he said, was predicted in a matter of political importance.

He produced a newspaper clipping of November 1, last, in which the announcement by the prime minister was made complete detail. Among other things, the item said that the prime minister would be limited as far as possible to the men, Mr. Macdonald said he had heard nothing on that point, that the prime minister had said nothing on it.

MOVE UNEXPECTED

But obviously they had not expected such an immediate and flat declaration of his purpose to carry the battle to the electorate in a somewhat different form.

The Prime Minister prefaced his declaration with a "modest" quotation with the statement that Canada will only go to the armed forces in the occupation forces in conquered countries.

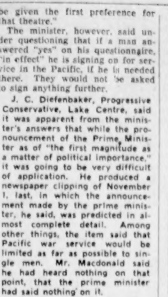
He said Canada's "will" as measured in numbers, necessarily be much less than in the past in Europe. Particularly in regard to naval and air forces, the vast distances of the Pacific, he said, would limit Canada's part in that theatre.

COME HOME FIRST

Further, the prime minister said, before our forces can be reduced to the small continuing quota required in the Allied forces for the occupation of Germany.

"Naval requirements for protection of North Atlantic shipping," he said, "also will continue some time after the cessation of the war with Germany, and are a first charge on our capacity."

The Prime Minister said that Canadian participation in the war



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